

AGREEMENT

by and between

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and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 302

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This Agreement is by and between King County, hereinafter referred to as the County, and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 302 representing employees in the job classifications listed on Addendum A to this agreement and employed in the Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Divisions of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks and the Airport and Roads Services Divisions of the Department of Transportation.

These articles constitute an agreement, the terms of which have been negotiated between King County and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 302 (Union). This agreement shall be subject to approval by ordinance by the Metropolitan County Council (Council) of King County, Washington.

1 **ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 **1.1 Purpose** - The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the continued improvement of
3 the relationship between the County and its employees through their Union. The articles of this
4 Agreement set forth the wages, hours, and working conditions for the bargaining unit employees.

5 **1.2 Non-discrimination** - The County and the Union agree that they will not unlawfully
6 discriminate in the interpretation and application of this Agreement by reason of race, color, age, sex,
7 marital status, sexual orientation, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or physical, mental or
8 sensory disability. Grievances alleging a violation of this provision may only be processed through
9 Step 3 of the grievance procedure. Employees who are unable to reach a settlement under the
10 grievance procedure of this Agreement may take issues arising under this provision to a human rights
11 agency for resolution.

1 **ARTICLE 2: UNION RECOGNITION AND MEMBERSHIP**

2 **2.1 Recognition** - The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative
3 of all employees whose job classifications are in the work units listed in the attached Addendum.

4 **2.2 Dues and Fees** - It will be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this
5 Agreement who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this Agreement
6 will remain members in good standing and those who are not members on the effective date of this
7 Agreement will on the thirtieth (30) day following the effective date of this Agreement become and
8 remain members in good standing in the Union or pay fees to the Union to the extent permitted by
9 law. It will also be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this Agreement and
10 hired or assigned into the bargaining unit on or after its effective date will on the thirtieth (30) day
11 following the beginning of such employment become and remain members in good standing in the
12 Union or pay fees to the Union to the extent permitted by law. Provided, however, that nothing
13 contained in this section will require employees to join the Union who can substantiate, in
14 accordance with existing law, bona fide religious tenets or beliefs that prohibit the payment of dues
15 or initiation fees to Union organizations. Such employees will pay an amount of money equivalent to
16 regular Union dues and initiation fees to a non-religious charity or to another charitable organization
17 mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Union. Employees will furnish proof to the Union
18 each month that such payment has been made.

19 **2.3 Separation** - Failure by an employee to satisfy the requirements of Section 2.2 will
20 constitute cause for dismissal; provided, that the County has no duty to act until the Union makes a
21 written request for discharge and verifies that the employee received written notification of the
22 delinquency including the amount owing, the method of calculation, and the notification that the non-
23 payment after a period of no less than seven (7) days will result in discharge by the County. A copy of
24 each written notification will be mailed to the County concurrent with its mailing to the employee.

25 **2.4 Payroll Deduction** - Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by an
26 employee, the County will have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount of monthly dues,
27 working dues checkoff and initiation fees as certified by the Union and will transmit the amount to the
28 Union.

1 **2.5 Indemnification** - The Union will indemnify and hold the County harmless against any
2 claims made and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues and
3 initiation fees for the Union. The Union agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error
4 upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

5 **2.6 Notice of Recognition** - The County will require all new employees hired, transferred, or
6 promoted into a position included in the bargaining unit to sign a form which will inform them of the
7 Union's exclusive recognition. One (1) copy of the form will be retained by County, one (1) copy will
8 be given to the employee and the original will be sent to the Union. The County will notify the Union
9 when an employee leaves the bargaining unit.

1 **ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

2 **3.1 General** - The Union recognizes the prerogatives of the County to operate and manage its
3 affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities and powers of authority, subject to the
4 terms and conditions of this Agreement.

5 **3.2 Rights Enumerated** - Unless modified by this Agreement, the County shall have the
6 right to determine staffing levels and work locations; recruit, examine, hire, appoint, promote, train,
7 layoff, and discipline and discharge regular employees for just cause; direct and assign the work;
8 develop and modify classification specifications; allocate positions to those classifications; allocate
9 employees to those positions; determine work shifts and work schedules; schedule and assign
10 overtime work; establish the methods, means and processes by which work is performed; establish
11 rules; and the right to take whatever actions are necessary in emergencies in order to assure the
12 proper functioning of the work units.

1 **ARTICLE 4: CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES OF PAY**

2 **4.1 Wage Rates** - The classifications of employees covered by this Agreement and the
3 corresponding rates of pay are set forth within the wage addendum which is attached hereto and made a
4 part of this Agreement.

5 **4.2 STEP Advancement** - An employee may be hired at STEP 1 of the wage range provided
6 under Addendum A covering the classification or above STEP 1 as provided under the County's
7 Personnel Guidelines. Upon completion of the probationary period, the employee will move from the
8 initial STEP hired to the next STEP in the wage range. STEP increases thereafter will be annually.
9 An employee working less than full-time will receive STEP increases prorated based on the full-time
10 work schedule of the work unit.

11 **4.2.1** An employee who is hired into a regular position who has successfully completed the
12 Washington State Apprenticeship program in the craft hired will start as Step 3 and advance to Step 5
13 on successful completion of probation.

14 **4.3 STEP on Promotion** - A regular employee who is promoted from one classification to a
15 higher paying classification will be placed into the pay STEP providing no less than a four and one-half
16 percent (4-1/2%) increase in his/her base hourly rate of pay not to exceed the top pay STEP of the
17 higher paying classification.

18 **4.4 Temporary Employee Benefits** - The County will pay the full hourly contribution rate
19 into the medical portion of the Operating Engineers' Health and Welfare Trust on behalf of
20 temporary employees for each hour the temporary employee is in pay status. The temporary
21 employee may be eligible to receive other compensation provided under King County Code, as
22 amended, in the event the employee exceeds the calendar year working hour threshold.

23 **4.5 Temporary/Regular Positions** - Temporary employees will not be used to supplant regular
24 positions.

25 **4.6 COLA** - Effective with the beginning of the first full pay period nearest January 1 the rates
26 of pay set forth within the wage addendum for each year of this Agreement (2007, 2008, 2009) will be
27 increased by ninety percent (90%) CPI-W, U.S. All Cities based on September to September figures of
28 the prior year; provided, however, said percentage increase will not be less than two percent (2%) nor

1 will it exceed six percent (6%).

2 **4.7 Out-of-Classification** - An employee assigned in writing by the manager/designee to
3 perform on a temporary basis the preponderance of duties of a higher paid classification under this
4 Agreement will be paid at the first STEP of the higher paid classification that provides an increase of at
5 least five percent (5%) above his/her base hourly rate of pay for the hours so assigned. In the event that
6 the employee works out-of-classification in excess of thirty (30) continuous days, all compensated
7 hours will be at the higher rate of pay. Such assignments will not be used to supplant positions or
8 violate Union jurisdictional rights. An employee assigned by the manager/designee to perform the
9 duties of a lower paid classification on a temporary basis will not have a reduction of wages.

10 **4.8 Lead Assignment** - An employee assigned in writing by the manager/designee to perform
11 lead duties will be paid seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) above his/her base hourly rate of pay. In
12 the event that the employee works as a lead in excess of thirty (30) continuous days, all compensated
13 hours will be at the higher rate of pay. This provision will be superceded by lead level classifications
14 in the attached Addenda, if such classifications have a higher wage rate.

ARTICLE 5: HOURS OF WORK

5.1 Standard Five-Eight (5-8) Work Schedule - The standard work schedule will consist of five (5) consecutive work days not to exceed eight (8) hours each exclusive of the meal period and not to exceed forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek, Monday through Friday inclusive.

5.1.1 Four-Ten (4-10) Work Schedule - There may be established a work schedule comprised of four (4) consecutive work days of ten (10) consecutive hours each work day exclusive of the meal period and not to exceed forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek. An established four-ten (4-10) workweek schedule will provide for three (3) consecutive days off, one of which will be a Saturday and/or a Sunday. The work schedules for Solid Waste Division Equipment Operators working a 4-10 workweek schedule shall not include a Saturday and/or Sunday as part of their regular work schedule.

5.1.2 Seven-Ten (7-10) Work Schedule - In the Solid Waste Division there will be established a work schedule comprised of seven (7) consecutive work days of ten (10) consecutive hours exclusive of the meal period. The 7-10 work schedule will provide for seven (7) consecutive days off. The 7-10 work schedule spans two (2) FLSA workweeks. The 7-10 schedule will be considered a regular full-time schedule under the terms of this agreement for all purposes, including leave and other benefit eligibility determinations.

5.1.3 Additional Work Schedule - By mutual agreement between the County and the Union, additional work schedules may be established.

5.2 First Shift - An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 5:00 A.M. and 11:59 A.M. will be considered to be on first shift.

5.2.1 Second Shift - An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 8:59 P.M. will be considered to be on second shift. The pay rate for an employee assigned to second shift will be his/her base hourly rate of pay plus ten percent (10%). An employee who is regularly assigned to second shift will have all compensable time paid at the higher rate of pay.

5.2.2 Third Shift - An employee assigned to work on a shift beginning between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 4:59 A.M. will be considered to be on third shift. The pay rate for an employee assigned third shift will be his/her base hourly rate of pay plus fifteen percent (15%). An employee who is regularly assigned to third shift will have all compensable time paid at the higher rate of pay.

1 **5.2.3 7-10 Shift** - Equipment Operators who work a 7-10 work schedule will receive a shift
2 differential of 14.3% for all compensable hours; such shift differential is intended to provide
3 compensation equivalent to that received by an employee working a forty (40) hour workweek
4 schedule.

5 **5.3 Shift Bidding/Work Unit Locations - Road Services Division**

6 **5.3.1 Shift Bidding** - All newly established on-going work schedules (days of work) and
7 shifts (hours of work) in the work unit will be posted. Employees within the specific classification in
8 the affected work unit will have the opportunity to bid by seniority order for the work schedule or
9 shift. Absent adequate interest, the County may assign employees within the classification in the
10 affected work unit to the remaining work schedules or shifts by using inverse seniority order.
11 Changes to work schedules or shifts will normally require a two (2) week notice to affected
12 employees.

13 **5.3.2 Position Opening and/or Days Off Assignments** - Classification seniority will be a
14 primary factor, but not the sole or exclusive factor, in determining an employee's assignment to a
15 vacancy in another work-unit location and/or days off; provided, however, the employee must have
16 previously submitted a written notification to the manager/designee indicating his/her interest in attaining
17 the work-unit location and/or days off; provided further, the employee must be capable of performing
18 the work required. Crew experience mix will be recognized as an appropriate criteria in determining
19 such assignment.

20 **5.3.3** Work unit is defined as a planning unit (e.g., paving, drainage, etc.) or "maintenance
21 division."

22 **5.4 Altering of Work Schedule** - No employee will have his/her work schedule altered for the
23 purpose of avoiding the payment of overtime except when an employee bids for such change as
24 provided in Section 5.3. No employee will be required to work on his/her scheduled day off in lieu of
25 the employee's scheduled workday. An employee will not receive overtime pay for working on
26 Saturday or Sunday if either one or both of the days are part of his/her regular work schedule.

27 **5.4.1 Planned Work Schedule and/or Shift Change** - The manager/designee may
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temporarily change an employee's work schedule and/or shift for planned projects. Such change will normally require at least two (2) weeks notice to the employee.

5.5 Unanticipated/Workweek Schedule and/or Shift Change - Normally, at least eight (8) hours of advance notice will be given to an employee prior to temporarily changing the employee's workweek schedule and/or shift to perform unanticipated projects and/or operations. In the event of snow removal, flood control, sanding, or other operations due to acts of nature which may or may not be anticipated, an employee may be placed on "Alert Status" and the eight (8) hours of advance notice will not be required.

5.6 Alert Status - When Alert Status is called and implemented more than four (4) hours prior to the start of an employee's regular shift, no less than four (4) hours of work within his/her Alert Status shift will be paid for at the overtime rate of pay. In instances of a callout, as described in Section 6.6.1, when an employee has been called back to work within four (4) hours of his/her regular shift, the employee will be compensated at the overtime rate of pay for only the hours immediately preceding the start of his/her regular shift or for all the hours worked in excess of eight (8) straight time hours during the Alert Status shift, whichever is greater.

5.6.1 Overtime While in Alert Status - An employee who is assigned to work an Alert Status shift will not be eligible to receive overtime pay in excess of that provided for within Section 5.6 until such time as s/he has worked eight (8) hours when assigned a (5-8) schedule, or ten (10) hours when assigned a (4-10) schedule at the straight time rate of pay during that shift or forty (40) hours in a workweek.

5.6.2 Implementation of Alert Status - Notwithstanding the provision of Sections 6.6 and 6.6.1, implementation of Alert Status will be considered to have taken place when the work hours of the employee's normal shift have been altered without the required advance notification.

5.6.3 Compensation and Breaks While in Alert Status - An employee who is assigned to work an Alert Status shift will be compensated for all hours assigned to the shift inclusive of all breaks. Meal and rest periods will be taken in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws and regulations.

5.6.4 Shifts Resulting from Alert Status - Shifts resulting from implementation of Alert

1 Status may be of varying duration but will be at least eight (8) hours.

2 **5.6.5 Shift Premium** - Work performed under Alert Status will not be subject to shift premium
3 pay as described in Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.

1 **ARTICLE 6: OVERTIME AND PREMIUMS**

2 **6.1 Overtime** - An employee on a 5-8 work schedule will be compensated at the rate of one
3 and one-half (1-1/2) times his/her hourly rate of pay (overtime rate) for all compensated hours in excess
4 of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek, or on a holiday recognized in this
5 Agreement (in addition to the holiday pay).

6 **6.1.2** An employee on a 4-10 work schedule will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half
7 (1-1/2) times the employee's hourly rate of pay (overtime rate) for all compensated hours in excess of
8 ten (10) hours per day or forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek, or on a holiday recognized in this
9 Agreement (in addition to the holiday pay).

10 **6.1.3** Effective January 1, 2006, an employee on a 7-10 work schedule will be compensated at
11 the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's hourly rate of pay (overtime rate) for all
12 compensated hours in excess of ten (10) hours per day or thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) hours per
13 FLSA workweek or on a holiday recognized in this Agreement. Effective January 1, 2007, an
14 employee on a 7-10 work schedule will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times
15 the employee's hourly rate of pay (overtime rate) for all compensated hours in excess of ten (10) hours
16 per day or forty (40) hours per FLSA workweek or on a holiday recognized in this Agreement.

17 **6.2 Scheduled overtime work** - Scheduled overtime work will be offered to full-time regular
18 employees prior to all other employees except in those instances where full-time regular employees are
19 not readily available. Readily available is defined as the employee not being on a leave status and is
20 present at work or available when called at the time the overtime work is being scheduled and is in the
21 work unit in which the overtime will be worked.

22 **6.3 Eight (8) Hour Break** - An employee who is called in to work prior to his/her next
23 regularly scheduled shift and works no less than twelve (12) hours overtime without at least eight (8)
24 hours break before the start of his/her next regularly scheduled shift will, upon request, be relieved of
25 any requirement to work his/her next regularly scheduled shift. The employee can be directed by the
26 County, for safety reasons, to not work his/her next regularly scheduled shift. In either of the above
27 instances, the employee will receive overtime pay for all such overtime hours worked but may receive
28 no pay for the regularly scheduled shift from which s/he was relieved.

1 **6.4 Compensatory Time Off** - Compensatory time off will be by written mutual agreement
2 between the employee and the manager/designee. The request to earn compensatory time off must be
3 initiated by the employee. Compensatory time off is subject to accrual and use in accordance with the
4 Career Service Guidelines. Compensatory time off will be earned under the same conditions as
5 overtime in accordance with Sections 6.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3.

6 **6.5 Overtime Authorization** - All overtime will be authorized in advance by the
7 manager/designee in writing, except in emergencies. Saturday and Sunday work will not be
8 considered overtime when it is a regularly scheduled workday for the employee.

9 **6.6 Callout Premium** - A minimum of four (4) hours at the overtime rate will be paid for each
10 callout. Where such overtime exceeds four (4) hours, the actual hours worked will be paid at the
11 overtime rate.

12 **6.6.1 Callout** - A “callout” will be defined as a circumstance where an employee has left the
13 work premises and is subsequently required to report back to work prior to his/her normally scheduled
14 shift. An employee who is called out before the commencement of his/her regular shift will be
15 compensated in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.6; provided, however, in the event the
16 employee is called back to work within four (4) hours of his/her regular shift, the employee will be
17 compensated at the overtime rate for only the hours immediately preceding the start of his/her regular
18 shift.

19 **6.7 Emergency Work Premium** - Emergency work at other than the normal scheduled shift or
20 special schedule and/or shift not enumerated in Articles 5 or 6 will be credited as such and will be
21 compensated as overtime. In the event this overtime work is accomplished prior to the normal working
22 hours and the employee subsequently works his/her regular shift, the regular shift will be compensated
23 at the employee’s regular, hourly rate of pay.

24 **6.8 Standby Premium** - An employee assigned to standby status on non-duty days, by written
25 authority of the manager/designee, will be entitled to four (4) hours of pay at the overtime rate for each
26 twenty-four (24) hour period or major portion thereof while on standby status. Any work performed on
27 non-duty days while on standby status will be compensated at the overtime rate for actual time worked.
28 An employee who is required in writing to be readily available to be called into work and/or who is

1 required to wear a “beeper” outside of his/her regular work hours will be considered to be on standby
2 status.

ARTICLE 7: HOLIDAYS

7.1 Holidays Observed - Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees (herein referred to as “leave eligible employees”) who work a full-time workschedule, except those employees who work a 7-10 work schedule, will be granted the following holidays with pay:

New Year’s Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday	Third Monday in January
President’s Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran’s Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day After Thanksgiving Day	Day Following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25th

and any day designated by public proclamation of the president or governor as a legal holiday and as approved by the Council.

7.1.1 Part-time Employees - Leave eligible employees who work a part-time workschedule, except those employees who work a 7-10 work schedule, will be granted each of the holidays with pay as provided for within Sections 7.1 and 7.4 prorated to reflect their normally scheduled work day.

7.2 Holidays on Scheduled Day Off - Whenever a holiday occurs during a full-time leave eligible employee’s regularly scheduled day off, such employee will receive compensation for the holiday as provided for in the standard full-time work schedule in the employee’s work unit.

7.2.1 Part-time Employees - Employees eligible for holiday pay and who are working a part-time work schedule will only get holiday pay in accordance with Section 7.1.1 for those holidays that fall on the employee’s regularly scheduled workdays.

1 **7.3 4-10 Employees** - A leave eligible employee on a 4-10 workweek schedule will have two
2 (2) hours of his/her accrued vacation leave applied in order to be compensated ten (10) hours for each
3 holiday identified within Section 7.1. As an alternative, employees working a 4-10 work schedule may
4 have their scheduled change to a 5-8 work schedule during weeks which have a holiday.

5 **7.3.1 Monday Holiday while on a 4/10 Sunday - Wednesday Shift** - When operationally
6 feasible and subject to management's approval, the County agrees to allow employees working on a
7 4/10 work schedule falling Sunday through Wednesday to observe the Sunday preceding a Monday
8 holiday as the holiday (day off with holiday pay) and to work the Monday at the employee's straight
9 time rate of pay. Prescheduling of the Sunday holidays will be required.

10 **7.4 Floating Holidays** - Leave eligible employees, except those employees who work a 7-10
11 work schedule, will receive two (2) additional personal holidays (maximum of 8 hours for each day) to
12 be administered through the vacation plan. These two (2) holidays will be added to accrued vacation on
13 the first pay period of October and the first pay period of November of each year. These days will be
14 used in the same manner as any vacation day earned.

15 **7.5 Holidays Falling on a Weekend** - For those leave eligible employees whose regular
16 workschedule is Monday through Friday, holidays falling on a Saturday will be observed on the
17 preceding Friday and holidays falling on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday. For
18 those leave eligible employees whose regular work schedule requires working on a Saturday and/or a
19 Sunday, holidays falling on these days will be observed on the actual date of the holiday.

20 **7.6 Maximum Accrual** - Leave eligible employees will receive no more than a maximum of
21 eight (8) hours per holiday for a total of ninety-six (96) hours per year of holiday pay in any one (1)
22 calendar year.

23 **7.7 Pay Status** - To be eligible for holiday pay the employee must be in pay status the
24 employee's work day before and the employee's work day after the holiday. However, an employee
25 who has successfully completed at least five (5) years of service and who retires at the end of the month
26 in which the last regularly scheduled work day is a holiday will be eligible for holiday pay if the
27 employee is in a pay status the day before the day observed as the holiday.

7.8 Holidays - An employee on a 7-10 workweek schedule will receive New Year's Day (January 1st), Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November) and Christmas Day (December 25th) as holidays off work without a reduction in pay. In addition, an employee will be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for work performed on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (third Monday in January), President's Day (third Monday in February), Memorial Day (third Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Veteran's Day (November 11), and the day after Thanksgiving.

ARTICLE 8: VACATIONS

8.1 Accrual Schedule - Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees (herein referred to as “leave eligible employees”) will accrue vacation leave benefits as described in and further qualified by this Article.

EQUIVALENT ANNUAL VACATION FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE		
Full Years of Service (Beginning)	Working Days Per Year	Hours based on 40 hr workweek
0-5	12	96
6	15	120
9	16	128
11	20	160
17	21	168
18	22	176
19	23	184
20	24	192
21	25	200
22	26	208
23	27	216
24	28	224
25	29	232
26	30	240

8.1.1 7-10 Employees - The vacation accrual rate for regular employees who are assigned to a 7-10 work schedule as of January 1, 1996 and who have continued to remain on the 7-10 workweek schedule shall receive vacation leave benefits for each hour in pay status exclusive of overtime as described in the following table; however, if the employee moves off the 7-10 work schedule to any

other work schedule, the employee will only be able to accrue vacation leave as provided under Section 8.1 regardless if the employee later returns to a 7-10 work schedule. However, an eligible employee under this provision who involuntarily moves off the 7-10 work schedule and later returns to the 7-10 schedule will again be eligible for the accrual rate provided below.

Through end of year 3	.0460
Upon beginning of year 4	.065934
Upon beginning of year 11	.0769
Upon beginning of year 13	.087912
Upon beginning of year 19	(Section 8.1 Table)

8.1.2 Part-time Employees - Leave eligible employees who work a part-time work schedule will accrue vacation leave in accordance with the vacation leave schedule set forth in Section 8.1, prorated to reflect their normally scheduled workday.

8.2 Vacation Accrual - Leave eligible employees will accrue vacation leave from their date of hire in a benefit eligible position.

8.3 Maximum Accrual - Leave eligible employees who work a full-time workschedule may accrue up to sixty (60) days vacation leave. Leave eligible employees who work a part-time workschedule may accrue vacation leave up to sixty (60) days prorated to reflect their normally scheduled workday. Leave eligible employees will use vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount prior to December 31 of each year. Failure to use vacation leave beyond the maximum amount will result in forfeiture of the vacation leave beyond the maximum amount. However, vacation leave beyond the maximum amount will be allowed by the manager/designee if the carry over is because of cyclical workloads, work assignments or other reasons as may be in the best interests of the County.

8.4 Vacation Eligibility - A leave eligible employee cannot take or be paid for vacation leave until s/he has successfully completed his/her first six (6) months of County service in a leave eligible position. If a leave eligible employee leaves County employment prior to successfully completing his/her first six (6) months of County service in a leave eligible position, s/he will forfeit and not be paid for accrued vacation leave. A leave eligible employee will be paid for accrued vacation leave to his/her date of separation up to the maximum accrual amount if the employee has successfully completed

his/her first six (6) months of County service and is in good standing. Payment will be the accrued vacation leave multiplied by the employee's rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving County employment less mandatory withholdings.

8.5 A leave eligible employee will not use or be paid for vacation leave until it has accrued and such use or payment is consistent with the provisions of this Article.

8.6 Outside Employment - No employee will work for compensation for the County in any capacity during the time that the employee is on vacation leave.

8.7 Partial Day Increments - Approved vacation leave will be used in one-quarter (1/4) hour increments.

8.8 Payment to Assigns and Heirs - In cases of separation from County employment by death of an employee with accrued vacation leave and who has successfully completed his/her first six (6) months of County service in a leave eligible position, payment of unused vacation leave up to the maximum accrual amount will be made to the employee's estate, or, in applicable cases, as provided for by State Law, RCW Title 11.

8.9 Vacation Scheduling - The manager/designee will be responsible for scheduling the vacation of employees in such a manner as to achieve the greatest vacation opportunity for the employees while maintaining the efficient functioning of the work unit.

8.10 Notification While on Paid Vacation or Compensatory Time Off - If a leave eligible employee is injured or becomes ill while on paid vacation or compensatory time off, in order to receive sick leave for that time, s/he must notify the manager/designee on the first day of the injury or illness, either by telephone or fax, or by letter postmarked the first day of the injury or illness. However, if it is physically impossible to give the required notice on the first day, notice must be sent as soon as possible and must be accompanied by an acceptable showing of reasons for the delay. A doctor's statement or other acceptable proof of the injury or illness, while on vacation or compensatory time off must be presented regardless of the number of days involved.

8.11 If a regular or probationary (who has previously achieved career service status) employee resigns from County employment or is laid off and subsequently returns to County employment within two (2) years from such resignation or lay off, as applicable, the

1 employee's prior County service shall be counted in determining the vacation leave accrual
2 rate under Section 8.1.

3 **8.12 Term-Limited Temporary Employees** - A term-limited temporary employee who
4 contiguous with his/her employment becomes a regular employee shall have his/her accrued vacation
5 leave accruals carry over with such regular appointment and the accrual rate will be determined based
6 on his/her date of hire as a term-limited temporary employee.

1 **ARTICLE 9: SICK LEAVE**

2 **9.1 Sick Leave** - Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees
3 (herein after referred to as: "leave eligible employees") will accrue sick leave benefits at the rate of
4 0.04616 hours for each hour in pay status exclusive of overtime up to a maximum of eight (8) hours per
5 month. Except, that sick leave will not begin to accrue until the first of the month following the month
6 in which the employee commenced employment. The employee is not entitled to sick leave if not
7 previously earned. If the County adopts a uniform County policy that allows sick leave accruals to
8 begin the first day of employment, such change will be implemented.

9 **9.1.1 Sick Leave Accruals for 7-10** - A regular employee assigned to a 7-10 work schedule
10 as of January 1, 1996 will accrue sick leave in proportion to the relationship his/her basic work week
11 bears to forty (40) hours; however, if the employee moves off the 7-10 work schedule to any other
12 work schedule, the employee will only be able to accrue sick leave as provided under Section 9.1
13 regardless if the employee later returns to a 7-10 work schedule. However, an eligible employee under
14 this provision who involuntarily moves off the 7-10 work schedule and later returns to the 7-10
15 schedule will again be eligible for the 7-10 accrual rate provided herein.

16 **9.2 Vacation as an extension of Sick Leave** - During the first six (6) months of service in a
17 leave eligible position, leave eligible employees may, at the manager/designee's discretion, use any
18 accrued days of vacation leave as an extension of sick leave. If an employee does not work a full six (6)
19 months in a leave eligible position, any vacation leave used for sick leave must be reimbursed to the
20 County upon termination.

21 **9.3 Partial Day Increments** - Approved sick leave will be used in one quarter (1/4) hour
22 increments .

23 **9.4 Unlimited Accrual** - There will be no limit to the hours of sick leave benefits accrued by a
24 leave eligible employee.

25 **9.5 Restoration following Separation** - Separation from employment except by reason of
26 retirement, layoff for non-disciplinary medical reasons, will cancel all sick leave accrued to the leave
27 eligible employee as of the date of separation. Should a regular employee resign in good standing, be
28 laid off or separated for non-disciplinary medical reasons and return to County employment within two

(2) years, his/her accrued sick leave will be restored.

9.6 Pay upon Separation - A regular or probationary (who has previously achieved career service status) employee who has successfully completed at least five (5) years of County service and who retire as a result of length of service or who separates by reason of death will be paid, or his/her estate as provided for by RCW Title 11, as applicable, an amount equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of his/her unused, accumulated sick leave multiplied by the employee's base rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving County employment, less mandatory withholdings.

9.7 Leave Without Pay for Health Reasons - An employee must use all of his/her sick leave before taking unpaid leave for his/her own health reasons. If the injury is compensable under the County's workers compensation program, then the employee has the option to augment or not augment time loss payments with the use of accrued sick leave.

9.8 Leave Without Pay for Family Reason - For a leave for family reasons, the employee will choose at the start of the leave whether the particular leave would be paid or unpaid; but, when an employee chooses to take paid leave for family reasons s/he may set aside a reserve of up to eighty (80) hours of accrued sick leave.

9.9 Use of Vacation Leave as Sick Leave - An employee who has exhausted all of his/her sick leave may use accrued vacation leave before going on leave of absence without pay, if approved by his/her manager/designee.

9.10 Use of Sick Leave - Accrued sick leave will be used for the following reasons:

A. The employee's bona fide illness; provided, that an employee who suffers an occupational illness may not simultaneously collect sick leave and worker's compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee;

B. The employee's incapacitating injury, provided that:

1. An employee injured on the job may not simultaneously collect sick leave and worker's compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee; though an employee who chooses not to augment his/her worker's compensation time loss pay through the use of sick leave will be deemed on unpaid leave status;

2. An employee who chooses to augment workers compensation payments

1 with the use of accrued sick leave will notify the workers compensation office in writing at the
2 beginning of the leave;

3 **3.** An employee may not collect sick leave and worker's compensation time
4 loss payments for physical incapacity due to any injury or occupational illness which is directly
5 traceable to employment other than with the County.

6 **C.** Exposure to contagious diseases and resulting quarantine.

7 **D.** A female employee's temporary disability caused by or contributed to by
8 pregnancy and childbirth.

9 **E.** The employee's medical, ocular or dental appointments, provided that the
10 employee's manager/designee has approved the scheduling of sick leave for such appointments.

11 **F.** To care for the employee's eligible child if the child has an illness or health
12 condition which requires treatment or supervision from the employee;

13 **G.** To care for other family members, if:

14 **1.** The employee has been employed by the County for twelve (12) months or
15 more and has worked a minimum of one thousand forty (1040) hours in the preceding twelve (12)
16 months,

17 **2.** The family member is the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the
18 employee's child, a child of the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the parent of the employee,
19 employee's spouse or domestic partner or an individual who stands or stood in loco parentis to the
20 employee, the employee's spouse or domestic partner; and,

21 **3.** The reason for the leave is one of the following:

22 **a.** The birth of a son or daughter and care of the newborn child, or
23 placement with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care, if the leave is taken
24 within twelve (12) months of the birth, adoption or placement;

25 **b.** The care of the employee's child or child of the employee's spouse
26 or domestic partner whose illness or health condition requires treatment or supervision by the
27 employee; or

28 **c.** Care of a family member who suffers from a serious health

1 condition.

2 **9.11 Unpaid Leave** - An employee who has been employed by the County for twelve (12)
3 months or more and has worked a minimum of one thousand forty (1040) hours in the preceding
4 twelve (12) months, may take a total of up to eighteen (18) work weeks unpaid leave for his or her
5 own serious health condition, and for family reasons as provided in Sections 9.10.F and 9.10.G
6 combined, within a twelve (12) month period. The leave may be continuous, which is consecutive
7 days or weeks, or intermittent, which is taken in whole or partial days as needed. Intermittent leave
8 is subject to the following conditions:

9 **A. Birth or Adoption** - When a leave is taken after the birth or placement of a child
10 for adoption or foster care, an employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule
11 only if authorized by the employee's manager/designee.

12 **B. Reduced Schedules** - An employee make take leave intermittently or on a reduced
13 schedule when medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the employee or family
14 member of the employee; and

15 **C. Temporary Transfer** - If an employee requests intermittent leave or leave on a
16 reduced leave schedule, under Section 9.11.B. above, that is foreseeable based on planned medical
17 treatment, the manager/designee may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available
18 alternative position for which the employee is qualified and that has equivalent pay and benefits and
19 that better accommodates recurring periods of leave than the regular position of the employee.

20 **9.11.1 Concurrent Time** - Use of donated leave will run concurrently with the eighteen (18)
21 workweek family medical leave entitlement.

22 **9.11.2 Insurance Premiums** - The County will continue its contribution toward health care
23 during any unpaid leave taken under Section 9.11.

24 **9.11.3 Return to Work from Unpaid Leave** - An employee who returns from unpaid family
25 or medical leave within the time provided in this Article is entitled, subject to layoff provisions, to:

26 **A.** The same position s/he held when the leave commenced; or

27 **B.** A position with equivalent status, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of
28 employment; and

1 C. The same seniority accrued before the date on which the leave commenced.

2 **9.11.4 Failure to Return to Work** - Failure to return to work by the expiration date of the
3 leave of absence may be cause for removal and result in termination of the employee from County
4 service.

5 **9.12 Provider Certification** - The manager/designee and employee is responsible for the
6 proper administration of the sick leave benefit. Verification from a licensed health care provider may
7 be reasonably required to substantiate the health condition of the employee or family member for
8 leave requests.

9 **9.13 Definition of Child** - For purposes of this Article, a child means a biological, adopted
10 or foster child, a step child, a legal ward or a child of an employee standing in loco parentis to the
11 child, who is: under eighteen (18) years of age; or is eighteen (18) years of age or older and
12 incapable of self care because of mental or physical disability.

13 **9.14 Term-Limited Temporary Employees** - A term-limited temporary employee who
14 contiguous with his/her employment becomes a regular employee shall have his/her accrued sick
15 leave accruals carry over with such regular appointment.

16 **9.15 Family Leave** - Employees may use available paid leave, including accrued vacation
17 and sick leave, to care for a family member in accordance with RCW 49.12.270.

ARTICLE 10: PAID LEAVES

10.1 Donation of Leaves - Donation of vacation leave hours and donation of sick leave hours.

A. Vacation leave hours

1. Approval Required - An employee eligible for paid leave may donate a portion of his/her accrued vacation leave to another employee eligible for leave benefits. Such donation will occur upon written request to and approval of the donating and receiving employee's department director(s), except that requests for vacation donation made for the purposes of supplementing the sick leave benefits of the receiving employee will not be denied unless approval would result in a departmental hardship for the receiving department.

2. Limitations - The number of hours donated will not exceed the donor's accrued vacation credit as of the date of the request. No donation of vacation hours will be permitted where it would cause the employee receiving the transfer to exceed his/her maximum vacation accrual.

3. Return of Unused Donations - Donated vacation leave hours must be used within ninety (90) calendar days following the date of donation. Donated hours not used within ninety (90) days or due to the death of the receiving employee will revert to the donor. Donated vacation leave hours will be excluded from vacation leave payoff provisions contained in this Article. For purposes of this Article, the first hours used by an employee will be accrued vacation leave hours.

B. Sick leave hours

1. Written Notice Required - An employee eligible for paid leave may donate a portion of his/her accrued sick leave to another employee eligible for leave benefits upon written notice to the donating and receiving employee's department director(s).

2. Minimum Leave Balance Required (Donor) - No donation will be permitted unless the donating employee's sick leave accrual balance immediately subsequent to the donation is one hundred (100) hours or more. No employee may donate more than twenty-five (25) hours of his/her accrued sick leave in a calendar year.

1 **3. Return of Unused Donations** - Donated sick leave hours must be used
2 within ninety (90) calendar days. Donated hours not used within ninety (90) days or due to the death
3 of the receiving employee will revert to the donor. Donated sick leave hours will be excluded from
4 the sick leave payoff provisions contained in this Agreement, and sick leave restoration provisions
5 contained in this Agreement. For purposes of this Article, the first hours used by an employee will
6 be accrued sick leave hours.

7 **C. No Solicitation** - All donations of vacation and sick leave made under this Article
8 are strictly voluntary. An employee is prohibited from soliciting, offering or receiving monetary or
9 any other compensation or benefits in exchange for donating vacation or sick leave hours.

10 **D. Conversion Rate** - All vacation and sick leave hours donated will be converted to
11 a dollar value based on the donor's straight time hourly rate at the time of donation. Such dollar
12 value will then be divided by the receiving employee's hourly rate to determine the actual number of
13 hours received. Unused donated vacation and sick leave will be reconverted based on the donor's
14 straight time hourly rate at the time of reversion.

15 **10.2 Leave - Organ Donors** - The manager/designee will allow an employee eligible for
16 paid leave who is voluntarily participating as a donor in life-giving or life-saving procedures such as,
17 but not limited to, bone marrow transplants, kidney transplants, or blood transfusions up to five (5)
18 days paid leave provided;

19 **A. Notification** - The employee gives the manager/designee reasonable advance
20 notice of the need to take time off from work for the donation of bone marrow, a kidney, or other
21 organs or tissue where there is a reasonable expectation that the employee's failure to donate may
22 result in serious illness, injury, pain or the eventual death of the identified recipient.

23 **B. Provider Certification** - The employee provides written proof from an accredited
24 medical institution, organization or individual as to the need for the employee to donate bone
25 marrow, a kidney, or other organs or tissue or to participate in any other medical procedure where the
26 participation of the donor is unique or critical to a successful outcome.

27 **10.2.1 Time off Subject to Agreement** - Time off from work for the purpose set out above
28 in excess of five (5) working days will be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

1 **10.3 Bereavement Leave**

2 A. An employee eligible for paid leave will be entitled to three (3) working days of
3 bereavement leave a year, due to death of a member of his/her immediate family.

4 B. **Use of Sick Leave in Lieu of Bereavement Leave** - An employee eligible for
5 leave who has exhausted his/her bereavement leave, will be entitled to use sick leave in the amount
6 of three (3) working days for each instance when death occurs to a member of the employee's
7 immediate family.

8 C. In the application of any of the foregoing provisions, when a holiday or regular
9 day off falls within the prescribed period of absence, it will not be charged against the employee's
10 sick leave account nor bereavement leave credit.

11 D. **Family Defined** - Immediate family means, as used in this article: spouse,
12 domestic partner, grandparent, parent, child, sibling, child-in-law, parent-in-law, grandchild of the
13 employee, employee's spouse or employee's domestic partner.

14 **10.4 School Volunteers** - An employee eligible for paid leave will be allowed the use of up
15 to three (3) days of sick leave each year to allow the employee to perform volunteer services at the
16 school attended by the employee's child provided; an employee requesting to use sick leave for this
17 purpose will submit such request in writing specifying the name of the school and the nature of the
18 volunteer services to be performed.

19 **10.5 Jury Duty** - An employee eligible for paid leave who is ordered on a jury will be
20 entitled to his/her regular County pay; provided, that fees for such jury duty are deposited, exclusive
21 of mileage, with the Department of Finance. The employee will report back to their
22 manager/designee when dismissed from jury service.

23 **10.6 Leave Examinations** - An employee eligible for paid leave will be entitled to necessary
24 time off with pay for the purpose of participating in County qualifying or promotional examinations.
25 This will include time required to complete any required interviews.

26 **10.7 Military Leave** - A leave of absence for active military duty or active military training
27 duty will be granted to eligible employees in accordance with applicable provisions of state and/or
28 federal law; provided, that a request for such leave shall be submitted to the manager/designee in

1 writing by the employee and accompanied by a validated copy of military orders ordering such active
2 duty or active training duty.

1 **ARTICLE 11: MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE PLAN**

2 **11.1 Maintenance of Benefits** - The County presently participates in group medical, dental and
3 life insurance programs for eligible regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary
4 employees and their eligible dependents. The County will maintain the current level of benefits under
5 its group medical, dental, vision and life insurance programs during the life of this Agreement except as
6 may be otherwise provided for in Section 11.2.

7 **11.2 Insurance Committee** - There will be a Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee
8 comprised of representatives from the County and the Labor Union Coalition. The function of the
9 Committee will be to review, study and make recommendations relative to existing medical, dental,
10 vision and life insurance programs. The County and the Union will implement any changes in
11 employee insurance benefits which result from any agreement of the Committee.

12 **11.3 Premiums While Off Work Due to On-the-Job Injury or Illness** - The County shall
13 continue to provide medical insurance coverage at no cost for active employees and their dependents for
14 those months they are unable to work due to an on-the-job injury or on-the-job illness and are receiving
15 no sick leave or vacation benefits. The total number of months of medical insurance coverage provided
16 for under this Article shall not exceed twelve (12) months or the number of months for which the
17 employee continues to receive paid sick leave and/or paid vacation leave benefits, whichever is the
18 greater.

ARTICLE 12: SENIORITY - LAYOFF AND RECALL

12.1 Seniority Rights - Regular employees will be afforded the right to utilize their seniority as hereinafter defined for the purposes specifically provided for within this Agreement.

12.2 Probation - An employee will be recognized as having attained seniority and regular employee status when such employee has completed a probation period equivalent of six (6) months worked in a career service position based on a full-time work schedule in a classification covered by this Agreement. Upon completion of the probation period the employee will be assigned a classification seniority date which will be the date when s/he first commenced his/her probation for that classification. An employee working less than a full-time workschedule will have his/her probation prorated based on the full-time workschedule for the work unit.

12.2.1 Resumption of Probationary Period Upon Recall From Layoff - In the event a regular employee is laid off during his/her probation period and is subsequently recalled to his/her classification within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of layoff, s/he will be credited with all days previously worked for purposes of satisfying his/her probation period and establishing his/her resultant classification seniority date.

12.3 Seniority Accrual While on Leave Due to Illness or Injury - An employee will continue to accrue seniority during an absence caused by an industrial injury or illness. An employee who is unable to work because of a non-work related injury or illness will not accumulate seniority during an unpaid leave of absence in excess of thirty (30) calendar days. However, if the employee is on approved FMLA and/or KCFML qualified leave, seniority shall continue to accrue for up to eighteen (18) workweeks of the qualified unpaid leave period.

12.3.1 Seniority Accrual While on Leave Without Pay - An employee on an approved unpaid leave of absence of thirty (30) calendar days or longer will not accumulate seniority credits during such absence except as provided under Section 12.3.

12.4 Promotion and Transfer - When a regular employee is promoted or transferred out of the bargaining unit and is no longer covered under this Agreement, and returns to the bargaining unit within twelve (12) months of the promotion or transfer, the employee will resume his/her seniority which s/he had on the date of the promotion or transfer.

1 **12.5 Seniority will be defined as follows:**

- 2 • “**Classification Seniority**” will be defined as regular employee’s total length of
3 service within a specific classification covered by this Agreement.
- 4 • “**Division Seniority**” will be defined as a regular employee’s total length of service
5 within a division of a department covered by this Agreement.
- 6 • “**Departmental Seniority**” will be defined as a regular employee’s total length of
7 service within a department.
- 8 • “**Bargaining Unit Seniority**” for purposes of this Agreement, will be defined as a
9 regular employee’s total length of service within a classification(s) covered by this Agreement.
- 10 • “**County Seniority**” will be defined as a regular employee’s total length of service
11 with the County in a career service position.

12 **12.6 Forfeiture of Seniority** - Seniority rights will be forfeited for either of the following
13 causes:

- 14 • Discharge for just cause.
- 15 • Resignation; provided, however, in the event a regular employee who has completed
16 his/her probation period is rehired to a classification covered under this Agreement within twelve (12)
17 months from the date of his/her termination or resignation, the employee will then be credited with all
18 his/her seniority credits previously existing on his/her last day worked.

19 **12.7 Reduction in Work Force Procedure** - In the event of a reduction-in-force, the County
20 will layoff the regular employee in the classification affected who has the least Classification Seniority
21 within his/her division. Prior to any layoff, all term-limited temporary, provisional, temporary and
22 probationary employees in the classification within the affected division of the department will be
23 separated first. Where two (2) or more regular employees have the same Classification Seniority, the
24 more senior employee will be the one who has the most seniority by applying the following seniority tie
25 breakers in this order: 1) Division, 2) Department, 3) Bargaining Unit, 4) County, 5) total number of
26 compensated straight-time hours, 6) a random method by mutual agreement between the Union and the
27 County.

28 **12.8 Bumping Rights** - A regular employee who becomes displaced due to a reduction-in-

1 force, will be permitted to use his/her classification seniority to displace or “bump out” the least senior
2 regular employee occupying the same classification. The employee will also be permitted to use his/her
3 bargaining unit seniority to displace or “bump out” the least senior regular employee occupying a
4 classification within which the bumping regular employee had previously attained seniority status.
5 Regular employees in the Parks Division, who were in a classification covered by this Agreement prior
6 to January 1, 1992 will accrue seniority as of January 1, 1992 for the purpose of being able to exercise
7 their bumping rights as provided under this Article.

8 **12.8.1 Displaced Employees** - A regular employee who becomes displaced due to another
9 regular employee’s exercise of Section 12.8, will also be afforded the right to displace or “bump out”
10 the least senior regular employee in a similar manner.

11 **12.9 Recall from Layoff** - A regular employee displaced due to a reduction-in-force will be
12 recalled to his/her classification in the inverse order of layoff subject to his/her ability to perform the
13 work of the position for which s/he is recalled. A regular employee will be removed from the recall
14 list after two (2) years from the date of layoff, or the employee is recalled, or the employee fails to
15 accept or report to work after being recalled, or the employee requests to be removed from the recall
16 list.

1 **ARTICLE 13: MISCELLANEOUS**

2 **13.1 Seniority Lists** - The County will transmit to the Union a current listing of all
3 employees in February and August of each year. Such list will indicate the name of the employee,
4 job classification, classification seniority date and work unit.

5 **13.2 Contracting of Work** - The County will not contract out work which the members of
6 the Union have historically performed unless it is required by law or is a business necessity due to an
7 emergency situation or to augment the workforce on a short-term, temporary basis. Except for
8 emergency situations, the County will provide notice to the Union of its intent to contract out and,
9 upon request, bargain the decision and/or effects of that decision. Except as provided herein, under
10 no circumstance will the County agree to any long-term or permanent contracting out of bargaining
11 unit work. Nothing in this provision will limit what the County has historically contracted out, and
12 no jobs will be eliminated due to contracting out.

13 **13.3 Election to Union Office** - An employee elected or appointed to an office in the Union
14 which requires a part or all of his/her time will be given an unpaid leave of absence up to one (1) year
15 without pay upon written application.

16 **13.4 Mileage Reimbursement** - All employees who have been authorized to use their own
17 transportation on County business will be reimbursed at the rate established by County ordinance.

18 **13.5 Road and River Improvement Employees** - All County Road and River Improvement
19 employees will be allowed pay from time of reporting to a designated headquarters and will end when
20 the employee returns from the field to such headquarters.

21 **13.6 Rain Gear** - The County will provide rain gear for all employees working in inclement
22 weather as needed.

23 **13.7 King County Labor-Management Committee(s)** - The County and the Union
24 recognizes the importance of a collective bargaining and employee relations climate in the County that
25 encourages cooperative efforts and joint problem-solving amongst all involved parties to better serve
26 the public, increase productivity, reduce waste, improve safety, improve morale, and recruit, train and
27 retain quality employees. In the interest of meeting these challenges, the County and the Union agrees
28 to establish labor-management committee(s) where mutually agreed.

1 **13.8 Biweekly Payroll** - If during the life of this Agreement the Council adopts a biweekly
2 payroll plan, the parties agree to adopt the plan.

3 **13.9 Bulletin Boards** - The County agrees to permit the Union shop stewards and business
4 representatives to post on designated County bulletin boards the announcement of meetings, election of
5 officers, and other Union material; provided, there is sufficient space beyond what is required by the
6 County for normal business operations.

7 **13.10 Shop Stewards** - Shop stewards may conduct representational responsibilities including
8 attending grievance, Weingarten and Loudermill meetings during his/her regular scheduled shift,
9 without a loss of regular compensation, if excused from work by the employee's manager/designee.

10 **13.11 Safety** - The County, Union and employees agree to comply with all applicable safety
11 laws and regulations. In the event an employee discovers or identifies an unsafe condition s/he will
12 immediately notify the manager/designee. No employee will be disciplined for reporting an unsafe
13 condition. No employee will be required to use unsafe equipment or work in an unsafe environment.

14 **13.12 Bus Pass** - The County agrees to maintain the current bus pass benefit for eligible
15 employees for the term of this Agreement.

16 **13.13 Apprenticeship Utilization** - By mutual agreement, the County and the Union agrees to
17 enter into Apprenticeship Participation Agreements to establish and maintain ongoing apprentice hiring
18 within the Union having established Apprenticeship Programs. Such apprentice hiring will conform to
19 the individual Apprenticeship Standards, and apprentices hired will be term limited temporary
20 employees.

21 **13.14 Filling of Vacant Positions** - Prior to the initiation of any open competitive process to
22 fill a vacant bargaining unit position, the County will provide notice of the vacancy to all regular
23 employees within the classification within the bargaining unit. Any regular member of the bargaining
24 unit holding a position within the same classification as that of the vacant position will be given the
25 opportunity to apply for the position. The appointment will be made to the applicant who the County
26 determines has the knowledge, skills and ability to fill the position. Where the knowledge, skills and
27 ability of the applicants are equal, the position will be awarded on the basis of classification seniority.
28 This provision is not applicable to employees who hold a different employment status (i.e., part-time

and full-time) than that of the vacant position in the classification.

ARTICLE 14: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

14.1 Purpose - The County and the Union recognize the importance and desirability of settling grievances promptly and fairly in the interest of continued good employee relations and morale. In furtherance of this objective, the County and the Union will extend every effort to settle grievances at the lowest possible level of supervision.

14.2 No Discrimination - Employees will be unimpeded and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievances.

14.3 Grievance Definition - A grievance will be defined as an issue relating to the interpretation and application of rights, benefits, or conditions of employment as contained in this Agreement.

14.4 Exclusive Representative - The Union will not be required to press employee grievances if in the Union's opinion, such lack merit. With respect to the processing, disposition and/or settlement of any grievance, including hearings and final decision of any Arbitrator, the Union will be the exclusive representative of the employee.

14.5 Access to Grievance Procedure - Employees, whether Union members or not, will have no independent unilateral privilege or right to invoke the grievance procedure; however, an employee's complaint may be presented to his/her supervisor. If the issue is not resolved, it may be referred to STEP 1.

14.6 A. STEP 1 - A grievance will be presented in writing by the shop steward or the Union representative within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence or knowledge of such grievance to the employee's immediate supervisor. The written grievance will describe the event or circumstances being grieved, the provision(s) of this Agreement that have allegedly been violated and the remedy sought. The supervisor will attempt to adjust the matter with the Union representative and notify the same within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the grievance. If the shop steward/Union representative does not pursue the grievance to STEP 2 within fourteen (14) days after receiving the supervisor's written decision, the grievance will be presumed resolved.

B. STEP 2 - The grievance will be presented in writing to the manager/designee for investigation, discussion and written reply. The manager/designee will meet with the employee and

Union to discuss the grievance within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the Step 2 grievance. The manager/designee will issue a written decision to the employee and the Union within fourteen (14) days following the discussion. If the Union does not pursue the grievance to STEP 3 within fourteen (14) days after receiving the manager/designee written decision, the grievance will be presumed resolved.

C. STEP 3 - The grievance will be presented in writing to the Director of the Human Resources Division of the Department of Executive Services/designee who will notify the Union of the need to form a joint committee of equal representation from the Union and the County with a maximum of two (2) people for each side. The Committee will schedule a meeting for the purpose of resolving the grievance within thirty (30) days after receiving the written grievance.

14.7 Arbitration - Should the Committee be unable to resolve the grievance, either the County or the Union may make a written request of the other party for arbitration within thirty (30) days following the Committee's written decision. The written request for arbitration must specify the exact question to be arbitrated, the provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated and the remedy sought.

14.7.1 Selection Process - The representatives for the parties will select a third disinterested party to serve as an arbitrator. In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon a third party to serve as an arbitrator, then the arbitrator will be selected from a panel of seven (7) names furnished by Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). The arbitrator will be selected from the list by both the County representative and the Union representative each alternately striking a name from the list until only one name remains. The remaining name will serve as the arbitrator. The arbitrator, under voluntary labor arbitration rules of the (FMCS), will be asked to render a decision promptly and the decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon all parties to the dispute.

14.7.2 Arbitrator's Authority Limited - The arbitrator will have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, modify or otherwise alter any terms of this Agreement, or to negotiate new agreements, but will have the power only to apply and interpret the provisions of this Agreement in reaching a decision.

14.7.3 Arbitration Expenses - The arbitrator's fee and expenses will be paid equally by the County and the Union. The court reporter's fee and expenses, if mutually agreed upon in advance, will be paid equally by the County and the Union. Each party will pay the full costs and fees of its

1 representatives and any witnesses appearing on its own behalf, regardless of the outcome of the
2 arbitration.

3 **14.8 Timelines** - Timelines under this Article may be extended by mutual agreement of the
4 parties responsible for addressing the grievance at each STEP. Unless mutually agreed between the
5 parties responsible for addressing the grievance at each STEP no grievance STEP may be by-passed.

6 **14.9 Mediation** - Either party can request mediation of the other party prior to arbitration. If
7 both parties agree to mediation an impartial and mutually agreed upon mediation service will be used
8 to mediate the grievance. In the event that the grievance is not resolved in mediation either party
9 may proceed to arbitration.

10 **14.10** The provisions of this Article will not apply to probationary, temporary, provisional
11 and term-limited temporary employees if they are disciplined or discharged.

12 **14.10.1** An employee who does not successfully complete the probationary period following
13 transfer or promotion may be restored to his/her former position at the discretion of the employee's
14 appointing authority.

15 **14.11 Resolutions are Final and Binding** - The disposition and/or settlement of any grievance
16 or other matter in dispute as determined by and between the Union and the County will be final and
17 binding upon all parties to the dispute.

1 **ARTICLE 15: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

2 **15.1 Work Stoppages** - The County, the Council, and the Unions agree that the public interest
3 requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best
4 efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Unions will not
5 cause or condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown, or refusal to perform any
6 customarily assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with
7 County functions by employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the involved Union will
8 take appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employee in any
9 bargaining unit will be deemed a work stoppage if any of the afore-referenced activities have occurred
10 contrary to the provisions of this Agreement. Being absent without authorized leave will be considered
11 as an automatic resignation. Such a resignation may be rescinded by the department head if the
12 employee presents satisfactory reasons for their absence within three (3) calendar days of the date his
13 automatic resignation became effective.

14 **15.2 Employer Protection** - Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that any
15 of its members are engaged in a work stoppage, the Union will immediately, in writing, order such
16 members to immediately cease engaging such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of
17 such order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of the Union will publicly
18 order such Union members to cease engaging in such work stoppage.

19 **15.3 Discipline** - Any employee participating in such work stoppage or in other ways
20 committing an act prohibited in this Article will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the
21 County's work rules up to and including discharge, suspension, or other disciplinary action as may be
22 deemed applicable to such employee.

ARTICLE 16: WAIVER CLAUSE

16.1 The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth within this Agreement. Therefore, the County and the Union for the duration of this Agreement, each agree to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17: SAVINGS CLAUSE

17.1 Should any part hereof or any provisions herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portions of this Agreement will not invalidate the remaining portions hereof; provided however, upon such invalidation the parties will meet and negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions will remain in full force and effect.

1 **ARTICLE 18: DURATION**

2 **18.1 Duration** - This Agreement will become effective upon full and final ratification and
3 approval by formal requisite means by the King County Council and will continue in full force and
4 effect through February 18, 2009.

5 **18.2 Reopener Clause** - Contract negotiations for the succeeding contract may be initiated by
6 either party by providing to the other written notice of its intention to do so at least sixty (60) days prior
7 to date of union ratification in 2009.

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10 **APPROVED** this _____ day of _____, 2006.

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

2 **BETWEEN**

3 **KING COUNTY**

4 **AND**

5 **INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 302**

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7 **Subject: Wage Increases for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006**

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9 **1. Wage Range Increases:** The following classifications will receive wage ranges increases
10 to be effective January 1, 2002:

- 11 • Vegetation Specialist from Range 46 to Range 47
- 12 • Wastewater Treatment Operator from Range 47 to 48
- 13 • Landfill Gas Operator I from Range 47 to 48
- 14 • Wastewater Treatment Operator Senior in Charge from Range 55 to 56
- 15 • Landfill Gas Operator II from Range 55 to 56

16 **2. COLA:** The wage rates for 2002 will be increased by the cost of living adjustment
17 (COLA) which was 2.32%. The wage rates for 2003 will be increased by the COLA which was 2%.
18 The wage rates for 2004 will be increased by the COLA which was 2.03%. The wage rates for 2005
19 will be increased by the COLA which was 2.19%. The wage rates for 2006 will be increased by the
20 COLA which was 4.66%.

21 **3. Retroactive Payments:** The wage range increases and COLAs for 2002, 2003, 2004,
22 2005 and 2006 will be retroactively paid to those regular and retired employees who were employed
23 in a covered classification during 2002 and/or 2003 and/or 2004 and/or 2005 and/or 2006 and who
24 are still employed with the County at the time this Agreement is ratified by the membership, except
25 retirees who will receive the retroactive wage increases for the periods of their employment during
26 2002-2006.

27 **4.** Effective January 1, 2006, the following classifications will receive wage increases as
28 provided:

- Wastewater Treatment Operator from Range 48 to 51
- Landfill Gas Operator I from Range 48 to 51
- Wastewater Treatment Operator Senior in Charge from Range 56 to 59
- Landfill Gas Operator II from Range 56 to 59

5. Effective January 1, 2006, the Equipment Service & Maintenance Specialist HD job classification shall be reclassified as Solid Waste Preventive Maintenance Specialist. The wage range for the SW Preventive Maintenance Specialist shall increase from Range 43 to 45 effective January 1, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007, the wage range shall increase from Range 45 to 46.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

By _____
King County Executive

International Union of Operating Engineers Union
Local No. 302

By: _____

1 **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

2 **BETWEEN**

3 **KING COUNTY**

4 **AND**

5 **INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 302**

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7 **Subject: Productivity Program**

8 The parties, having bargained in good faith regarding establishing a productivity program,
9 hereby agree as follows:

10 1. The parties agree to establish a productivity program for the entire Solid Waste
11 Division. Such program, once established, will include the savings realized through the rock recycle
12 and dirt recovery projects as of January 1, 2002 that will be credited to members of the Local 302
13 bargaining unit. The parties will meet no later than thirty (30) days following final implementation
14 of this agreement and agree to meet as frequently as needed to reach a final agreement. Once
15 finalized the terms and condition of the program will be set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement
16 subject to approval by the King County Council.

17 2. The parties agree to explore establishing a productivity program for the Roads
18 Division.

19 **APPROVED** this _____ day of _____, 2006.

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21 By _____

22 King County Executive

23 International Union of Operating Engineers Union
24 Local No. 302

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
KING COUNTY
AND
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 302**

Subject: Union Pension Trust

The parties, having bargained in good faith regarding participation in the Union's pension trust on behalf of employees represented by the Union, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 2006, the County agrees to contribute one dollar (\$1.00) for every hour for which compensation is paid (exclusive of amounts paid while the employee is on worker's compensation time loss) to Locals 302 & 612 International Union of Operating Engineers - Employers Construction Industry Retirement Plan ("Retirement Plan") on behalf of employees within the job classifications represented by Operating Engineers, Local 302. The parties agree and understand that this contribution shall not be reported as part of the employees' wages to the State Department of Retirement Systems or the Internal Revenue Service, nor shall this contribution be part of the employees' wages for computation of overtime or any salary-based premium pays.

2. Employees receiving pension contributions set forth in this Memorandum of Agreement have elected to reduce their wage rates by the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) for every compensable hour effective July 1, 2006.

3. The parties acknowledge that wages and pension contributions are total compensation for employees. The parties agree to use a total compensation approach in future negotiations, wage studies, or comparative analysis covering employees who are receiving these pension contributions.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

By _____
King County Executive

International Union of Operating Engineers Union
Local No. 302

By: _____

1 **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

2 **BETWEEN**

3 **KING COUNTY**

4 **AND**

5 **INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 302**

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7 **Subject: Overtime for Employees working a 7-10 Schedule**

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9 As a one-time only transitional payment, any employee on a 7-10 work schedule on July 1,
10 2005 will receive a lump sum payment of \$750. The payment will be made the first pay period such
11 payment can be processed by the Solid Waste Division.

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